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**Advisory Action**Application No.  
**08/888,361**Applicant(s)  
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**2762****THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE: [check only a) or b)]**

- a) ☐ expires \_\_\_\_\_ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ expires either three months from the mailing date of the final rejection, or on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.

Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.

- ☐ Appellant's Brief is due two months from the date of the Notice of Appeal filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (or within any period for response set forth above, whichever is later). See 37 CFR 1.191(d) and 37 CFR 1.192(a).

Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed on Jan 10, 2000 has been considered with the following effect, but is **NOT** deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:

- ☐ The proposed amendment(s):
- ☐ will be entered upon filing of a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief.
  - ☐ will not be entered because:
    - ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See note below).
    - ☐ they raise the issue of new matter. (See note below).
    - ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.
    - ☐ they present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ☐ Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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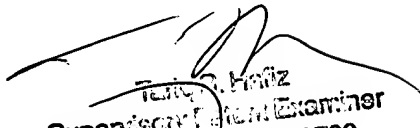
- ☐ Newly proposed or amended claims \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.
- ☒ The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does **NOT** place the application in condition for allowance because:  
See Attached Sheet
- ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will **NOT** be considered because it is not directed **SOLELY** to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
- ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claims is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):
- Claims allowed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Claims objected to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Claims rejected: 1-6, 8, 10-13, 18, 21, and 22

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ has ☐ has not been approved by the Examiner.
- ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other

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The Response to the Rejections of the last Action has not placed the Application in condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicant asserts that the "...detecting of anomalies in the transmission of messages by an entity..." is "concrete and tangible".

Examiner disagrees and finds that Warmerdam was properly applied. In Warmerdam, the Applicant expressly limited the "entity" of which he wrote to a "robot". Additionally, the data used was a "bubble hierarchy". In the present case, one could look at claim 1 and see that the "...detecting of anomalies in the transmission of messages by an entity..." is so abstract from practical limitations that the "entity" could be a Warmerdam style "robot". The "messages" transmitted could be a data structure describing a Warmerdam style "bubble hierarchy". The "detection of anomalies" is a nonspecific "detection" process detecting non-specific "anomalies" in non-specific "data". None of this is limited to a specific practical application in the Warmerdam sense and, therefore, discloses non-statutory material. In short, the Warmerdam fact pattern is well within the scope of these claims.

  
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